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PORTUGUESE MINISTER REPORTS NIXON TO MEET SPINOLA

LONDON REUTER IN ENGLISH 1155 GMT 16 JUNE 74 X

(TEXT) LISBON, JUNE 16, REUTER--PRESIDENT NIXON WILL MEET  
PORTUGAL'S NEW PRESIDENT ANTONIO DE SPINOLA DURING A  
BRIEF STOPOVER IN THE AZORES NEXT TUESDAY ON HIS WAY  
HOME FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, PORTUGUESE FOREIGN MINISTER  
MARIO SOARES SAID TODAY.

DR. SOARES SAID AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ABOUT THE MEETIN8  
ON THE PORTUGUESE ATLANTIC ISLANDS WOULD BE ISSUED BY  
THE PRESIDENT. DR. SOARES WAS SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN  
BEFORE LEAVING HERE BY AIR FOR OTTAWA WHERE HE WILL  
ATTEND THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION FOREIGN  
MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

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IT WILL BE PRESIDENT SPINOLA'S FIRST MEETING WITH A  
FOREIGN HEAD OF STATE SINCE COMING TO POWER FOLLOWING  
THE MILITARY TAKEOVER IN PORTUGAL IN APRIL.

PORTUGUESE SOURCES SAID THE MEETING, WHICH FOLLOWS  
THE OVERTHROW OF THE AUTHORITARIAN REGIME BY THE ARMY  
AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PORTUGAL'S INTENTIONS TO GRANT  
SELF-DETERMINATION TO ITS AFRICAN TERRITORIES OF ANGOLA,  
MOZAMBIQUE AND PORTUGUESE GUINEA, HAD A PARTICULAR  
SIGNIFICANCE.

PRESIDENT SPINOLA HAS ALREADY DECLARED THAT THE NEW  
PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WILL ADHERE TO ITS INTERNATIONAL  
OBLIGATIONS AND HAS UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE HE AT-  
TIBUTES TO HIS COUNTRY'S GOOD RELATIONS WITH ITS WESTERN  
ALLIES.

THE PORTUGUESE BELIEVE THAT THE U.S. COULD PLAY A  
ROLE IN THE DECOLONIZATION PROGRAM THEY HAVE ANNOUNCED  
BECAUSE OF ITS INFLUENCE AS A SUPER-POWER ON MATTERS  
CONCERNING THE AFRICAN CONTINENT.

PORTUGAL HAS LEASED AIR BASE FACILITIES TO THE UNITED  
STATES IN THE AZORES SINCE 1944, BUT THE AGREEMENT  
EXPIRED LAST FEBRUARY AND THE TWO LEADERS ARE EXPECTED  
TO DISCUSS A RENEWAL DURING THEIR MEETING. 16 JUN  
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